



Richmond Bike/Ped/Trails Plan Phase 2

November Checkin Minutes - November 16th 2021

Time: Nov 16, 2021 05:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 857 2067 1557

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Attendees

- Ravi Venkataraman
- Jean Bressor
- Julie Waite
- Jonathon Weber
- Jon Kart
- Allen Knowles
- Bryan Davis
- Marshall Distel
- Ian Stokes
- Chase Rosenberg
- Prestonw
- Shannon Dufour-Martinez
- Dayton Crites
- Julia Ursaki

Existing Conditions & Whys:

- Phase 2 Approach: Reference phase 1, but all maps will be full Town, and include Ph1 data where relevant.
- Prior Study / Existing Conditions GIS Data - is better than VCGI available?
 - Existing Trails
 - Speed Limits
 - Road Surface Attributes (Surface type, paved width)
 - Richmond Landuse / Zoning
 - Water/Wastewater Service Area
 - Strava Metro Data (shapefiles, not screenshots)
- List of ongoing Studies
 - *Why - to align master plan recommendations w advanced studies.*



- **Active Transportation Barriers** *Why - to illustrate the finite number of routes available for all transportation within the Town of Richmond, and how landscape and transportation facilities have created barriers and pinchpoints.*
 - Diagrammatic illustration of active transportation barriers created by:
 - River
 - Railroad
 - Interstate
 - Route 2
- **Road Network** *Why - to illustrate the current condition (and what may or may not be possible) on Town roads*
 - Paved / Unpaved
 - Potential for paved width illustration
 - Posted Speed Limits*
 - Comparisons of adjacent towns and Posted Speed Limits
 - AADT (where available)
- **Land** - *Why - To illustrate where trails fall, and what land lies between them that could be utilized with greater or lesser difficulty.*
 - Private / Preserve / Public
 - Land Use (reference Ph1 study)
 - ID Residential density
 - Water/Wastewater Service Areas (Future development potential)
- **Recreation Network** *Why - illustrate what is in place, and what gaps exist.*
 - Existing Trails & Access Points
 - Include Cross Vermont Trail, Long Trail
 - Include Sidewalks
- Anything else?
- **Public Input** *Why - local residents are the local experts!*
 - Phase 1 Wikimap Comments
 - TBD (Visioning Meeting Output)

Public Engagement Planning

- When do we want to have the first public meeting? (Approx January?)
 - Bike/ped community is engaged throughout the year
 - Late January
- How do we want to get the word out?



- What do we want to ask of people at this meeting, given how recently the Ph1 Process went through?
 - Priorities & Values
 - Route 2 efforts
 - Intersection Improvements
 - Corridor Safety improvements / traffic calming
 - Expanded Trail Connections / Seasonal Improvements
 - Access Improvements?
 - Wayfinding?
 - Jon Kart -
 - How do we share the road or make enough space for alternative transportation? Lots of people bike on and off road - they seem to be different populations.
 - Public/Private/Preserved land - there is a 'hodge podge' in Richmond. How do we approach land owners and accommodate their varying levels of support/willingness to accommodate bike/ped/trails on their property?
 - Can we get people looking at maps & drawing?
 - Allen Knowles
 - Thought the WikiMap did a good job identifying problems
 - Gauge people's interest in using active transportation in Richmond - who doesn't do it because they can't (i.e. infrastructure isn't there - chicken vs egg)
 - Ian Stokes
 - WikiMap - had two categories (point vs lines)
 - Some people suggested general concepts and 'big ideas' in the wikimap - i.e. access to the school, etc
 - How can we capture the big ideas/transformational suggestions versus just localized points/lines of problem areas?
 - Jonathan Weber
 - Remembers public engagement being strong during Phase 1
 - Should we re-open the wikimap - how can we make sure the south portion of the Town got enough attention?
 - We should show an overview of Phase 1 public input before deciding on PHase 2
 - Ask about priorities / values - who are we building for? [transportation vs recreation]
 - Chase Rosenberg
 - Align This effort to overall town plans
 - With Growth
 - With overall transportation safety
 - Try to avoid a 'vote' on whether or not people in town like mtn biking.
 - Jean



- We should include a survey

Next Steps:

- A. Integration of Phase 1 into Phase 2 materials - Ongoing, D&K
- B. Development of Existing Conditions Analysis - Ongoing, D&K
- C. Development of Public Engagement Approach - TBD, D&K
- D. Promotion of Plan and Public Engagement Opportunities - TBD, Committee
 - i. School District Partnerships?
 - ii. Winter Kiosk to promote plan at Park ? (How to build / support)
 - iii. Poster w/ QR Codes in local windows.
 - iv. Ebike Demo Day w/ Local Motion (springtime - 2nd public engagement opportunity)
 - v. Local Motion Coordination.
 - vi. Aligned Committees
 - a. Ian / Allen Climate Action Committee members
 - b. Chase Trails Committee
 - c. Richmond Mountain Trails (VMBA)